

OLVER STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

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WASHINGTON, D.C. , Today, Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) released the following statement:

"The president vows to invest more money in education in his State of the Union address, but then turns around and cuts it in the budget proposal."

"Quality, affordable health care for those who need it most takes a back seat in this budget proposal. Health care is a top priority for Americans, but it is not a top priority for the president."

"A misguided proposal to expand Health Savings Accounts , which are simply tax shelters for the wealthy, is a bad choice for the American people."

"The budget once again severely underfunds NIH, cuts health professions training and eliminates several important programs."

"This budget is replete with bad choices for Americans living in or near poverty , like terminating the Community Development Block Grant program."

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